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Dear Admiral Turner:

In reviewing the testimony and materials submitted to this Subcommittee during the ADP hearings conducted last month, a report prepared by the Subcommittee staff on community ADP activities and reflecting on my own visits and discussions in the community; it is clear that community planning for and management of ADP resources has been weak. While I realize the problems of the past cannot be cured overnight, I am encouraged that the community has begun to take steps to improve its planning for the future so that some of the problems which have occurred will not repeat themselves.

I look to your Office of Community Information Systems as the intelligence community's focal point, and, in effect, cross program manager for ADP. A strong management role, one which stresses systems integration and sharing, ought to result in improving the effectiveness of ADP services to users and in reducing duplicative activities.

I have communicated similar views to the Defense Intelligence Agency; noting that now as program manager for the GDIP and concurrently with the development of long-range planning in their System Planning Office -- DIA should be able to exercise a firmer management role with the Services and Commands in the planning and development of new systems.

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